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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ROESLER ET AL.

Examiner

Rabon Sergeant

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/17/03, 1/19/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Within claim 1, the use of "may" renders the claims indefinite, because it is unclear if or to what extent the language denoted by "may" is optional.

2. A rejection based on double patenting of the "same invention" type finds its support in the language of 35 U.S.C. 101 which states that "whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process ... may obtain a patent therefor ..." (Emphasis added). Thus, the term "same invention," in this context, means an invention drawn to identical subject matter. See *Miller v. Eagle Mfg. Co.*, 151 U.S. 186 (1894); *In re Ockert*, 245 F.2d 467, 114 USPQ 330 (CCPA 1957); and *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970).

A statutory type (35 U.S.C. 101) double patenting rejection can be overcome by canceling or amending the conflicting claims so they are no longer coextensive in scope. The filing of a terminal disclaimer cannot overcome a double patenting rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 101.

3. Claims 1-10 are provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-6 and 8-11 of copending Application No. 10/941,579. This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bacskai ('335).

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Patentee discloses an amine containing polyester produced by reacting a primary amine with an unsaturated polyester derived from maleic anhydride. See Example 2 within column 8. It is not seen that applicants' process yields a patentably distinct product from Bacsikai.

6. Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jonsson et al. ('389) or CA 2,111,927.


The references disclose an amine functional polyester produced by reacting a primary amine with an unsaturated polyester derived from maleic or fumaric acids. The references additionally disclose the use of the amine functional polyesters within polyisocyanate based polymeric systems. See columns 2-6 within Jonsson et al. See abstract and pages 4-12 within CA 2,111,927. It is not seen that applicants' process yields a patentably distinct product from the relied upon prior art.

7. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Merten et al. ('338) or Wamprecht et al. ('711) or GB 1,017,001.

The references disclose an amine functional polyester produced by reacting a primary amine with an unsaturated polyester derived by transesterifying maleic or fumaric acid esters with polyols. The references additionally disclose the use of the amine functional polyesters within polyisocyanate based polymeric systems. See column 2, lines 19, 32, 33, and 48+; and columns 3 and 4, within Merten. See abstract; column 2, lines 43-57; columns 3-5; and column 6, lines 63+, within Wamprecht et al. See page 1, lines 48, 64, and 65; page 2, lines 1-113 and 126+; and page 3, lines 1-49, within GB 1,017,001.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to R. Sergent at telephone number (571) 272-1079.

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